

Introduction

At the January 2008 Annual Meeting, C. Barre Hellquist, Professor Emeritus, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts conducted a workshop of live aquatic plants, obtained via internet purchase, that have the potential to become established in the Northeast, if they are not already here.

Most aquatic plants available via the internet for purchase during the winter months are those sold for the aquarium trade. During the summer, species suitable for the water gardening trade would also be available.

Barre selected plants that are hardy or possibly hardy to the Northeast. A few were already familiar, as they are native or already established here: *Myriophyllum heterophyllum, M. pinnatum, M. aquaticum, Nuphar advena, Cabomba caroliniana* and *Vallisneria americana*. However, many of the plants he selected are native to the Southeast (*Nymphoides aquaticum, Mayaca fluviatilis* and *Didipilis diandra*) or hardy European, Australian or Japanese species (*Nymphoides peltata, Marsilea quadrifolia* and *Nuphar japonica*).

Thanks to the efforts of NEAPMS members, Amy Smagula and Ken Wagner, photos of the plants Barre selected and presented at the workshop follow. These photos are provided as a reference. Although less familiar to those of us that manage aquatic plants in the Northeast, the photos represent a suite of species easily available for sale via the internet with the potential to get a foothold in the Northeast if given the opportunity. Take note!

Label Key

Red = hardy
Blue = potentially hardy
Black = tropical or hardiness
unknown





Egeria najas marketed as anacharis

native: S. America vegetatively similar to *Hydrilla verticillata*

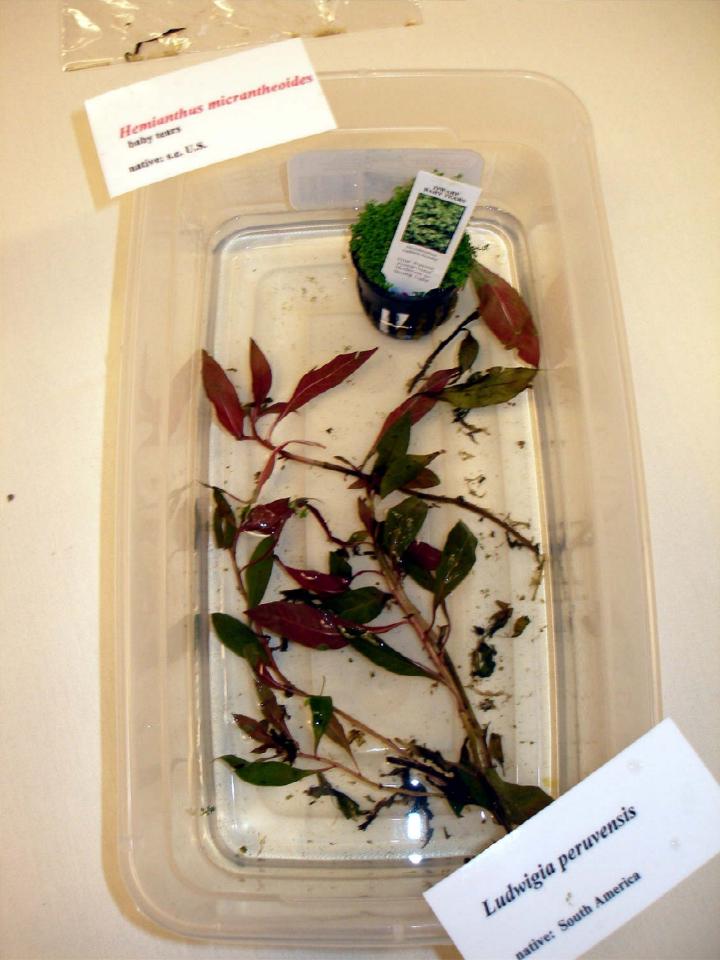






Mentha aquatica aquatica native: Europe

Didipilis diandra
water-purslane
native: e, United States

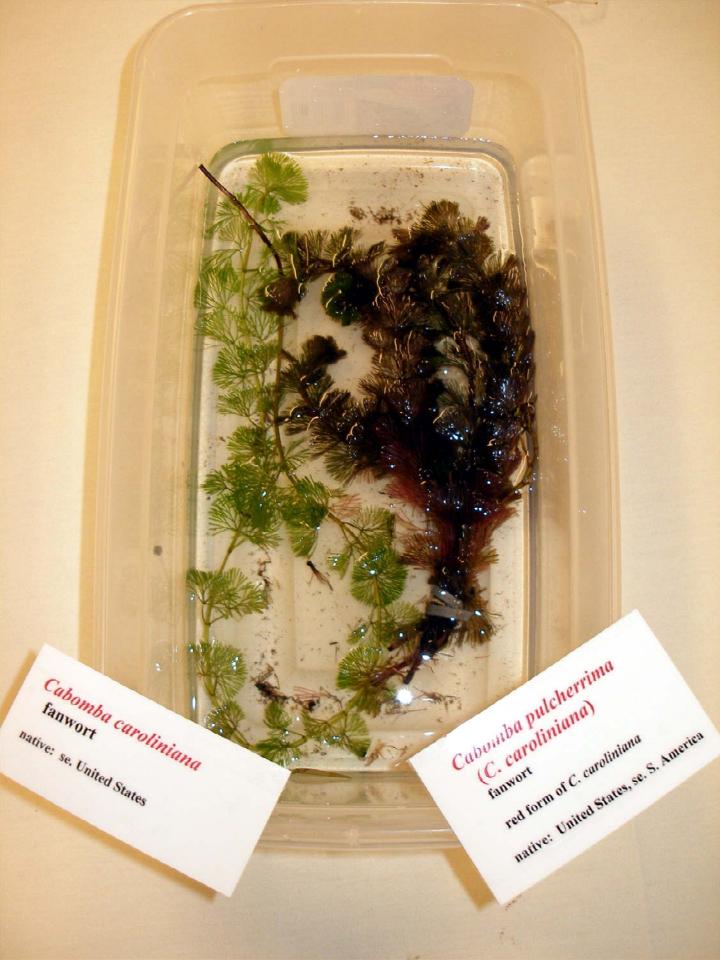




Bacopa monnieri moneywori native: subtropical United States

Litaeopsis brasiliensis

native: s. South America













Shinnersia rivularis Mexican oakleaf

native: Texas, n. Mexico





























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